

AGENDA FOR
LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
MEETINGS OF
OCT. 26-27, 1964

1. Approval of minutes of meetings held on Sept. 21 & 22, 1964. (2)
2. Approval of contracts for boat launching ramps & parking areas: (2)
 - ✓ a) Contract #5544, Cheniere Lake, Ouachita Parish Ramps Nos. 1 & 4. W.C. Salley, Contractor. (3)
 - ✓ b) Contract #5545, Lake Verret, Assumption Parish, Continental Engineers, Contractor. (3)
 - ✓ c) Contract #5546, Lake Arthur, Jefferson Davis Parish, Port City Construction Company, Contractor. (3)
 - ✓ d) Contract #5543, Little River, Grant Parish, Pamper Construction Co. Contractor. (3)
 - ✓ e) Contract #5539, Black Lake, Sec. 13, Natchitoches Parish, C.E. Williams Construction Company (3)
 - ✓ f) *Contract #5540*
Lake D'Arbonne, Lincoln Parish, H & H. Dirt, Contractor. (3)
 - ✓ g) *Contract #5541*
Lake D'Arbonne at north end of dam, Union Parish, H & H. Dirt Contractor. (3)
 - ✓ h) Contract #5542, Lake D'Arbonne, Bayou Corney, Union Parish, J. T. Richardson, Contractor. (3)
3. Acceptance of work on boat launching ramps and parking areas:
 - ✓ a) Contract #5511, Bayou Falcon Boat Ramp, Sicily Island, Catahoula Parish. J.T. Richardson, Contractor. (4)
 - ✓ b) Contract #5514, Black River Boat Ramp, Jonesville, Catahoula Parish, D.W. Thomas & Son, Contractor (5)
 - ✓ c) Contract #5515, Cocter's Point (Tensas River) Southeast of Wisner, Franklin Parish, Pamper Construction Company, Contr. (5)
- ✓ 4. Recommendations on wild turkey releases. (6)
- ✓ 5. Alexander State Wildlife Mgt. Area. Recommendations on restricted areas. (7)
- ✓ 6. Setting of oyster season in Calcasieu Lake. (9)
- ✓ 7. Application for permit to dredge fill material from Lake Cataouatche Jefferson Parish. *La Roub & Exploration Co.* (10)

✓ 8. Recommendations on Trapping on Pass-a-Loutre and Rockefeller Refuges. (11)

9. Other business

✓ West Bay Game Management Area - Commission action on Oct. 13th opening 30,000 acres to any sex deer archery season, Oct. 17 to Nov. 22 (13)

✓ West Bay Game Management Area - Deer Harvest and Season in 30,000 outer area 11-27 - 12// acre (13)

✓ Walberg, Joe, complimentary comments on wildlife display at the State Fair. (14)

✓ Alligator problems - Federal legislation to amend Lacey Act to include alligators (15)

PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS

OF THE

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

OCTOBER 26 and 27, 1964

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans, on Monday and Tuesday, October 26 and 27, 1964.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs on general department matters and the preparation of the Agenda for the Tuesday Public Meeting.

The Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 27, 1964, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 226, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, La.

Members present at both meetings were as follows:

- ✓ Bay Whatley, Chairman
- ✓ John Edwin Kyle Jr., Vice-Chairman
- ✓ A. J. Guquet
- ✓ John Paul Crain
- ✓ H. B. Fairchild
- ✓ Jimmie Thompson
- ✓ H. Clay Wright

Absent:

None.

Chairman Whatley called the meeting to order and stated the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the previous meetings.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Crain, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the regular meetings, held on September 21 and 22, 1964, were dispensed with and the minutes were approved as submitted to the Commission Members.

Chairman Whatley called upon Mr. Joe Herring relative to the first item on the Agenda.

Mr. Herring requested Commission ratification of approval of the following contracts for the construction of boat launching ramps and parking areas. He stated the ramps and parking areas are to be constructed with Accelerated Public Funds, 50% Federal and 50% State:

Cheniare Lake (2 ramps) Areas 1 and 4, Ouachita Parish

Lake Verret, Assumption Parish

Lake Arthur, Jefferson Davis Parish

Little River, Grant Parish

Black Lake, Sec. 13, Natchitoches Parish

Lake D'Arbonne, Lincoln Parish

Lake D'Arbonne at north end of dam, Union Parish

Lake D'Arbonne, Bayou Corney, Union Parish

On motion of Mr. Grain, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby formally ratify the approval of the following contracts for the construction of boat launching ramps and parking areas:

Contract No. 5544 - Chevier Lake (2 Ramps) Areas 1 and 4,
Ouachita Parish
W. C. Salley, Contractor, Monroeville, La.
Amount of Bid: \$10,907.03

Contract No. 5545 - Lake Verret, Assumption Parish
Continental Engineers, Inc., Contractor
Eaton Rouge, La.
Amount of Bid: \$13,855.20

Contract No. 5546 - Lake Arthur in Jefferson Davis Parish
Port City Construction Company Inc.,
Contractor, Lake Charles, La.
Amount of Bid: \$16,234.21

Contract No. 5543 - Little River, Grant Parish
Pauper Construction Company, Contractor
Crewville, La.
Amount of Bid: \$8,505.50

Contract No. 5539 - Black Lake, Sec. 13, Natchitoches Parish,
O. E. Williams Construction Company,
Contractor, Mansfield, La.
Amount of Bid: \$6,868.00

Contract No. 5542 - Lake D'Arbonne on Bayou Corney, Union Parish,
J. T. Richardson, Ruston, La., Contractor
Amount of Bid: \$8,734.00

Contract No. 5540 - Lake D'Arbonne, Lincoln Parish,
H & H. Dirt Contractor, Ruston, La.
Amount of Bid: \$8,511.75

Contract No. 5541 - Lake D'Arbonne at north end of dam, Union
Parish, H & H Dirt Contractor, Ruston, La.
Amount of Bid: \$19,925.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

The next item on the Agenda was acceptance of the following Contracts:

Bayou Falcon Boat Ramp and Parking Area, Catahoula Parish

Black River Boat Ramp, Catahoula Parish

Coster's Point (Tensas River) Southeast of Wisner, Franklin Parish.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Baquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5511, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and J. T. Richardson, for the construction of a Boat Launching Ramp and Parking Area on Bayou Falcon, at Sicily Island, in Catahoula Parish, and has recommended that same be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by J. T. Richardson, Contractor, under Contract No. 5511, with said Commission, dated July 15, 1964, be and the same is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Director under date of September 29, 1964, wherein he filed notice of acceptance with the Clerk of Court of Catahoula Parish, be and the same is

hereby approved and ratified.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5514, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and D. W. Thomas & Son for the construction of a Boat Launching Ramp and Parking Area on Black River at Jonesville, in Catahoula Parish, has recommended that same be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by D. W. Thomas & Son, under contract No. 5514, with said Commission, dated July 20, 1964, be and the same is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution in the mortgage records of the Parish of Catahoula, Louisiana.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed

Contract No. 5515, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Pamper Corporation, for the construction of a Boat Launching Ramp and Parking Area on the Tensas River, Southeast of Wisner, in Franklin Parish, Louisiana, has recommended that same be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Pamper Corporation, under Contract No. 5515, with said Commission, dated July 23, 1964, be and the same is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Director, under date of September 29, 1964, wherein he filed notice of acceptance with the Clerk of Court of Franklin Parish, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

Chairman Whatley stated the next item on the Agenda was recommendations on wild turkey releases. He stated that we have an agreement with the State of Florida to trade deer for wild turkey to further our own stock and he called upon Joe Herring for recommendations on the releases.

Mr. Herring stated that biologists of the Fish and Game Division have made a thorough study on Wildlife Management Areas suitable for the release of 50 wild birds to be received from Florida during the 1964-65 fiscal year.

Areas were considered as to habitat, protection and sites for trapping birds when populations build up. As populations build up,

we will trap birds from the stocked areas to stock other Wildlife Management Areas. Wildlife Management Areas are the best areas for stocking since we exercise some control on the areas and have personnel to give protection to the stock. With the above reasons, he recommended that the 50 Florida Wild turkeys be released on the following areas:

<u>Area</u>	<u>No. of birds</u>
1. Jackson-Blenville Wildlife Management Area	20
2. Thistlethwaite Wildlife Management Area	20
3. Sodau Wildlife Management Area	<u>10</u>
	50 Birds

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the 50 wild turkeys to be received from the State of Florida this winter be released on the following areas:

<u>Area</u>	<u>No. of Birds</u>
1. Jackson-Blenville Wildlife Management Area	20
2. Thistlethwaite Wildlife Management Area	20
3. Sodau Wildlife Management Area	<u>10</u>
	50

Mr. Joe Herring was called to the floor relative to the next item on the Agenda.

Mr. Herring stated that the Alexander State Forest Wildlife

Management Area was leased to us by the Louisiana Forestry Commission and they had requested that the area surrounding their main office be closed to hunting, since at this site they had heavy equipment and office buildings, and he recommended that this area be closed for safety reasons.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following portion of the Alexander State Forest Wildlife Management Area surrounding the Woodworth Headquarters of the Louisiana Forestry Commission, containing office and work areas, in Ward 2, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, be closed to hunting:

Starting at Southwest corner of Section 31, Township 2 North, Range 1 West, go easterly along Section line to the Southeast corner of land sold to George Clayton, (bearing North $88^{\circ}33'$ East approximate distance 392.0 feet). This is the point of beginning, thence ^{South} $88^{\circ}24'$ West for 66.0 feet, thence South $00^{\circ}29'$ West for 1281.0 feet to cross section line between Section 17 and 20, continuing South $00^{\circ}17'$ West for 2805.1 feet, thence North $89^{\circ}45'$ West for 7592.3 feet, thence North $28^{\circ}03'$ East for 2676.9 feet, thence South $78^{\circ}59'$ East for 401.2 feet, thence South $77^{\circ}03'$ East for 774.0 feet to Bayou Clear. There are eleven (11) meander bearings and distances along Bayou Clear as follows: Bearing North $12^{\circ}53'$ East for 344.6 feet, thence North $03^{\circ}50'$ West for 300.0 feet, thence North $07^{\circ}13'$ East for 225.0 feet, thence North $09^{\circ}52'$ West for 475.0 feet, thence North $21^{\circ}38'$ West for 258.0 feet, thence North $28^{\circ}04'$ West for 242.0 feet, thence North $20^{\circ}57'$ West for 580.0 feet, thence North $34^{\circ}27'$ West for 428.0 feet, thence North $21^{\circ}27'$ West for 200.0 feet, thence North $03^{\circ}34'$ West for 192.0 feet, thence North $07^{\circ}36'$ West for 163.0 feet, thence North $89^{\circ}03'$ West for 2731.6 feet, thence North $88^{\circ}31'$ West for 5689.7 feet, thence South $27^{\circ}48'$ West

for 1571.0 feet to point of beginning, enclosing approximately 1,000 acres.

Restricted Area above described is marked with aluminum paint on each line tree with signs indicating "Restricted Area" "Positively No Shooting" every fifty (50) feet around the Area.

Dr. Lyle St. Amant was called to the floor relative to setting of oyster season in Calcasieu Lake.

Dr. St. Amant stated that after two meetings with oyster fishermen and producers in the Cameron Parish area, and after consultation with the Louisiana State Board of Health, it has been determined that the oyster harvesting season in Calcasieu Lake may be opened from November 16, 1964 until May 1, 1965, and he recommended that the season be set for these dates; that no dredging be permitted; and that harvesting be confined to tonging only. He stated that in 1953 between 60 and 70 thousand sacks of oysters were harvested, but that the lake this year will not produce what it produced in previous years.

Mr. Crain stated that he had requests that the season be opened on December 1st instead of November 16, 1964, and that he would like to make that as a motion. There was no second.

Mr. Buquet suggested that a compromise be made and open the season on November 23rd instead of the 16th.

After further discussion, on motion of Mr. Crain, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendations of Dr. Lyle St. Amant and the clearance of the Board of Health, that Calcasieu Lake be open to the taking of oysters from November 23, 1964, until May 1, 1965, and that the harvesting of oysters be confined to tonging only.

Dr. St. Amant read the following request for permit to dredge fill material from the Louisiana Land and Exploration Company, Houma, La., dated September 17, 1964, as follows:

"A request is hereby made for permission to dredge fill material from Lake Cataouatche for an experimental hydraulic fill located on property owned by this company in Section 24, Township 14 South, Range 22 East, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

"To show plans and details, we are attaching two blue line prints each of Sheets 1 and 2 of our drawing, with the proposed work outlined in red.

Yours very truly,

THE LOUISIANA LAND AND EXPLORATION COMPANY

SIGNED BY: Frank M. Ritchie
Vice-President"

Dr. St. Amant stated that the Louisiana Land and Exploration Company requests a permit to dredge fill material from Lake Cataouatche in Section 24, Township 14 South, Range 22 East, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana; that the purpose of this operation is to deposit spoil and determine the rate at which it settles in certain types of marsh areas.

Dr. St. Amant stated that the application is in order and

meets all of the requirements set forth by this Commission; that it has been examined to determine the effect on wildlife and fisheries and he found there would be no detrimental effects and recommended that the permit be granted.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Crain, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of the Louisiana Land and Exploration Company, Houma, Louisiana, for a permit to dredge fill material from Lake Cataouatche, in Section 24, Township 14 South, Range 22 East, Jefferson Parish, be granted, and that the Director be authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Emswinger was called to the floor relative to trapping on Pass-a-Loutre and Rockefeller Wildlife Refuges.

Mr. Emswinger stated that first of all, he would like to recommend that we close trapping on Rockefeller Refuge during the coming season due to the fact that we have very few fur-bearing animals on the area, and last year only two people were interested in trapping and they caught very few nutria.

Mr. Emswinger stated the second request is that the Board take under consideration a proposal of advertising, through the Division of Administration, for an exclusive lease sale for the taking of nutria on our Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area. He stated that during the past several years we have

permitted nutria to be taken from this area beginning the day after the close of the duck season and continuing through the spring as long as there was a market for these animals. Under this system, the Commission had no means of collecting a percentage on fur taken from the area. At that time, nutria was on the outlaw list and hunters were permitted to take nutria at night. He stated that if we awarded an individual an exclusive lease for taking of fur bearers, that this individual could assist in protecting the area from poachers and that this bring some revenue to the State.

Mr. Ensminger suggested that our attorney draw up the stipulations, terms and conditions, under which the lessee would operate if a lease is awarded, so that we would be protected, and submit same to the Division of Administration for processing and advertisement for bids.

On motion of Mr. Crain, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that all trapping on Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge be closed during the 1964-65 season due to the fact that there are very few fur-bearing animals on the area.

On motion of Mr. Crain, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Division of Administration be requested to advertise and solicit bids for an exclusive trapping permit to allow the taking of certain fur bearing animals other than otter

on the Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area; that the Division of Administration be advised of all terms and conditions of the permit to be issued in order that these can be made a part of the advertisement for bids.

Mr. Herring was called to the floor relative to West Bay Game Management Area - Deer Harvest.

It was brought out that upon further requests from the Allen Parish Police Jury that only the central 20,000 acres of West Bay Game Management Area be closed to deer hunting, and not the entire area as per resolution of September 22, 1964, the Commission members were polled on October 5th for their vote regarding this matter and the result of the poll was as follows:

Yeas: 6
Nays: 1

Therefore, on October 13th, the Commission rescinded their resolution of September 22, 1964, to close the entire area and announced that only the 20,000 acres in the central portion of the area would be closed. The remaining 30,000 acres would be open to any sex deer archery hunting from October 17th to November 22, 1964. The Allen Parish Police Jury to post signs marking the closed portion.

Mr. Herring stated that, now, due to the fact that 30,000 acres only were open to deer hunting, and their original recommendation was for the harvest of 800 deer to be taken based on the entire area and since recommendations were made in

August for the entire area, the same number could not stand now; that this number would jeopardize our herds; that with the closure of the central portion only, which is the area of the heaviest concentration, he recommended that the remaining 30,000 acre area be open for any deer the first day and bucks only for the remaining four days.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the outer 30,000 acres of West Bay Game Management Area be opened to deer hunting from November 27th through December 1, 1964 - the first day to be open for any sex deer, and the remaining four days for bucks only.

Mr. Joe Walberg, from Shreveport, asked for the floor and stated he was here not for the purpose of making any complaints nor did he want any specific request, but he was here to thank the Commission for the marvelous display that the Commission created for the State Fair; that from early indications, it is quite possible that the attendance would provide a new record. He stated the display was one of the most beautiful that the Commission had made and it was a pity that no pictures were made so everyone could see for themselves; that it would be worth everyone's time to see the display; that it shows all of the wildlife in the State in its natural habitat.

He stated that he did not know who was responsible for the display but whoever it was, the man should be commended for doing such a good job, because it requires a lot of planning and hard work to make up this display; that it provided educational value, not only for children, but for adults as well, and the Commission should be congratulated for having gone along with it. He stated he wanted to make his remarks a matter of record.

Chairman Whatley thanked Mr. Walberg for his kind remarks and stated we appreciated his comments very much.

Mr. Crein stated that Mr. Walter Gresh, Regional Director of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Atlanta, Georgia, was in Mr. Yancey's office before the meeting and mentioned something about legislation that should help us with our alligator problems, and he requested Mr. Yancey to bring this before the Commission.

Mr. Yancey stated that Mr. Gresh was in his office yesterday, and he advised that consideration is now being given to amending the Lacey Act, making it a federal violation to transport illegally taken alligators from one state to another; that such an amendment will be proposed at the next Congress and that support from individual States, particularly Louisiana and Florida, would go a long way in passing such an amendment.

Mr. Yancey stated that this would greatly strengthen the

and enforcement of Louisiana's alligator laws/recommended that the Commission support placing alligators under the Lacey Act.

Mr. Crain stated that we should go on record as favoring this legislation.

Mr. Joe Herring stated this was discussed at the recent meeting of the Southeastern Association of Game and Fish Commissioners, and they adopted a resolution favoring amending the Lacey Act.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Crain, seconded by Mr. Bequet, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, alligators are an important and valuable resource in Louisiana deserving of every consideration in the Commission's Wildlife Management Program, and

WHEREAS, due to the extreme high monetary value of alligator skins, complete enforcement of the State's alligator regulations has become increasingly difficult, and

WHEREAS, many other Southern States are encountering the same problems, and recently the Southeastern Association of Game and Fish Commissioners passed a resolution, at their meeting in Clearwater, Florida, requesting the Federal Government to amend the Lacey Act to include alligators in its provisions and protection while in intra-state transportation,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission on this 27th day of October, 1964,

do hereby go on record as favoring the amendment

of the Lacey Act to cover alligators, and request the U. S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to support and work for the adoption of such an amendment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Crain, the meeting adjourned.

J. D. Hair Jr., Director

